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SUBJ: DAPCEVIC ON YUGOSLAV-ALBANIA RELATIONS; DAPCEVIC ON

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1. DURING A RELAXED CONVERSATION AT THE RESIDENCE AT THE TIME OF THE IPU CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE, YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT PEKO DAPCEVIC MADE SOME INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR REGARDING RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA AND THE SITUATION THERE.

2. BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA ARE FINALLY BEGINNING TO IMPROVE AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF STAGNATION. PERHAPS, DAPCEVIC SAID, WE HAVE BEEN TOO HARD ON THE ALBANIANS AND WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING. THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE MADE A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A RAIL LINK WITH ALBANIA WHEN THE BELGRADE-BAR RAIL LINE IS FINISHED, AND WHILE THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE THE ALBANIANS SEEM INTERESTED.

3. ONE AMUSING INCIDENT HAPPENED RECENTLY WHEN THE ALBANIANS WANTED TO BUY SOME SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF WHEAT AND CORN FROM YUGOSLAVIA. THE YUGOSLAVS WERE CONSIDERING THE REQUEST IN TERMS

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OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD GIVE CONCESSIONARY PRICES AS A

SIGN OF GOOD WILL. WHILE THEY WERE CONSIDERING THIS, THE  
ALBANIANS TURNED AROUND AND BOUGHT THE COMMODITIES ELSEWHERE.

4. DAPCEVIC SAID THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT  
HOXHA IS A SICK MAN AND WILL NOT RETAIN POWER MUCH LONGER.  
THE SUCCESSION PICTURE IS MURKEY.  
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